

Carnegie Public Library

BTOP Public Computing Center Goals and Objectives

Montana's project promotes three BTOP statutory purposes:

- 1) provide improved access to broadband service to consumers residing in underserved areas of the country;
- provide broadband education, awareness, training, access, equipment, and support to libraries; and,
- 3) stimulate the demand for broadband, economic growth, and job creation.

Objectives

- 1) increase broadband speeds at participating libraries up to 21 mbps;
- cut wait times in half by increasing the total number of workstations and expanding library operation hours;
- improve access by purchasing ADA compliant software, hardware, and furniture, and through minor renovation projects aimed at increasing accessibility of computing center facilities;
- 4) offer courses to increase computer literacy; and
- provide Internet and library resources to rural Montana using a mobile computer lab.

Successes

Internet Service Provider	Original Broadband Speed	Current Speed (mbps)
Triangle Telephone Company	7.00	12.00

Carnegie Public Library Computing Center Now Offers...

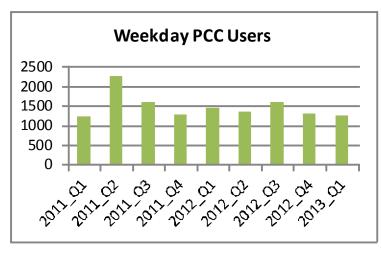
- ♦ 4 desktop computers
- ♦ 2 laptop computers
- 1 JAWs blind software
- ◆ 1 MAGic low vision software
- ♦ 2 ZoomText 10 low vision software
- 2 ZoomText Cameras with stand
- ♦ 2 low vision keyboards
- ♦ 2 low dexterity mice
- ♦ 10 headphone sets
- ♦ 6 privacy screens
- ♦ 1 LaserJet printer

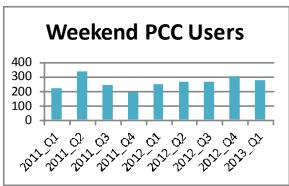
- ♦ iPad
- Kindle Keyboard
- ♦ Kindle Fire
- Nook Tablet
- Samsung Galaxy Tab
- ♦ Google Nexus
- ♦ Coby Snapp digital video camera



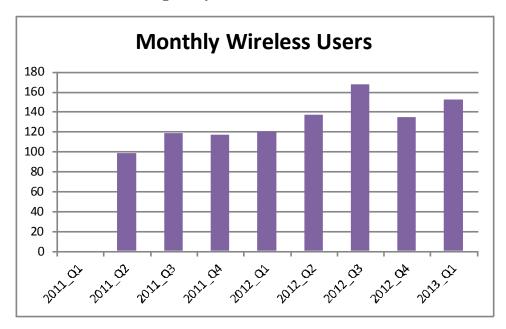
- Added Library blog to Facebook including BTOP photos. Updated web page, included BTOP photos of new computer lab.
- > We ask everyone if they want to see our website and/or the MtLibrary2Go while they are at the circulation desk.
- > The Library placed an ad in the newspaper advertising 2 upcoming e-reader instructional classes. Classes are scheduled for Oct 3 and 4 and are booked to capacity. Patrons will bring their own e-readers or use the Library e-readers to learn how to use.
- > Many patrons seeking online employment need our help to fill out applications, create a resume, or simply find a job listing. There are also 4 patrons taking online courses here.

Public Computer Center Usage





Patrons who have taken advantage of public wireless access



Benefitting from Technology Training

Length of Program (per hour basis)	Number of Patron Training Hours	Number of Library Staff Training Hours
35.79	1219	35